

## NARCOTIC DRUGS

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*The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

WARSAW, POLAND  
*August 17, 1931*

No. 256

### EXCELLENCY:

Pursuant to instructions from the Department of State, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that in an endeavor to bring about stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, the Treasury Department has requested that an effort be made to establish clear cooperation between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and certain foreign countries, and that I have been directed to endeavor to arrange with Your Excellency's Government for:

The direct exchange between the Treasury Department and the corresponding office in Poland of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This would include such information as photographs, criminal records, finger prints, Bertillon measurements, description of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they have operated, and partners they have worked with, etc.

The immediate direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs, or of those involved in smuggling drugs, if such movements might concern the other country. Unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily it is useless.

Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

The officer of the Treasury Department who would have charge, on behalf of this Government, of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is the Commissioner of Narcotics, whose mail address is Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., and whose telegraph address is "Narcotics," Washington, D.C.

In bringing the foregoing to Your Excellency's attention, I have been authorized to state that the proposed informal arrangement has already been accepted by the Governments of twenty countries. As of interest in this connection I enclose one copy of the State Department's BULLETIN OF TREATY INFORMATION No. 5, July 1929,<sup>1</sup> containing the text of the arrangements entered into between the United States and other Governments, except the Cuban, Egyptian and Mexican Governments, with whom arrangements were concluded subsequent to the issue of this Bulletin. It should also be noted that final details have also been completed in respect of the agreement with Yugoslavia, the preliminary correspondence concerning which appears in the BULLETIN OF TREATY INFORMATION.

My Government has directed me, in case the proposed arrangement meets with the approval of the Polish Government, to report by telegram the name of the Polish official with whom the Commissioner of Narcotics should communicate.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

JOHN N. WILLYS

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*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

REPUBLIC OF POLAND  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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WARSAW, *September 17, 1931*

MR. AMBASSADOR:

In your note No. 256 of August 17 last, you transmitted a proposal concerning cooperation between United States and Polish authorities for the control of traffic in narcotic drugs.

Acknowledging receipt of the aforementioned note, I have the honor to state to Your Excellency that on being informed of the matter, the Ministry of the Interior expressed its agreement with the proposal made by the Treasury Department of the United States for the purpose of establishing closer cooperation between the Polish and United States authorities for such control.

The Ministry of the Interior, which has instructed its Public Health Department to arrange the matter, requests the Treasury Department of the United States (Commissioner of Narcotics), through Your Excellency, to be

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<sup>1</sup> Not printed here.

good enough to contact the aforementioned Department directly concerning the measures to be taken.

Accept, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my very high consideration.

AUGUSTO ZALESKI

His Excellency,

JOHN N. WILLYS

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